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Dear Friends:

Enclosed is a brief history of the Baha'i Faith in Valencia County for the Valencia County History Book. We are not sure exactly how much it will cost us for this article to be printed, so we would like to ask that you bill us or give us an exact amount. You may contact me at the above address or at my home phone - 869-6620.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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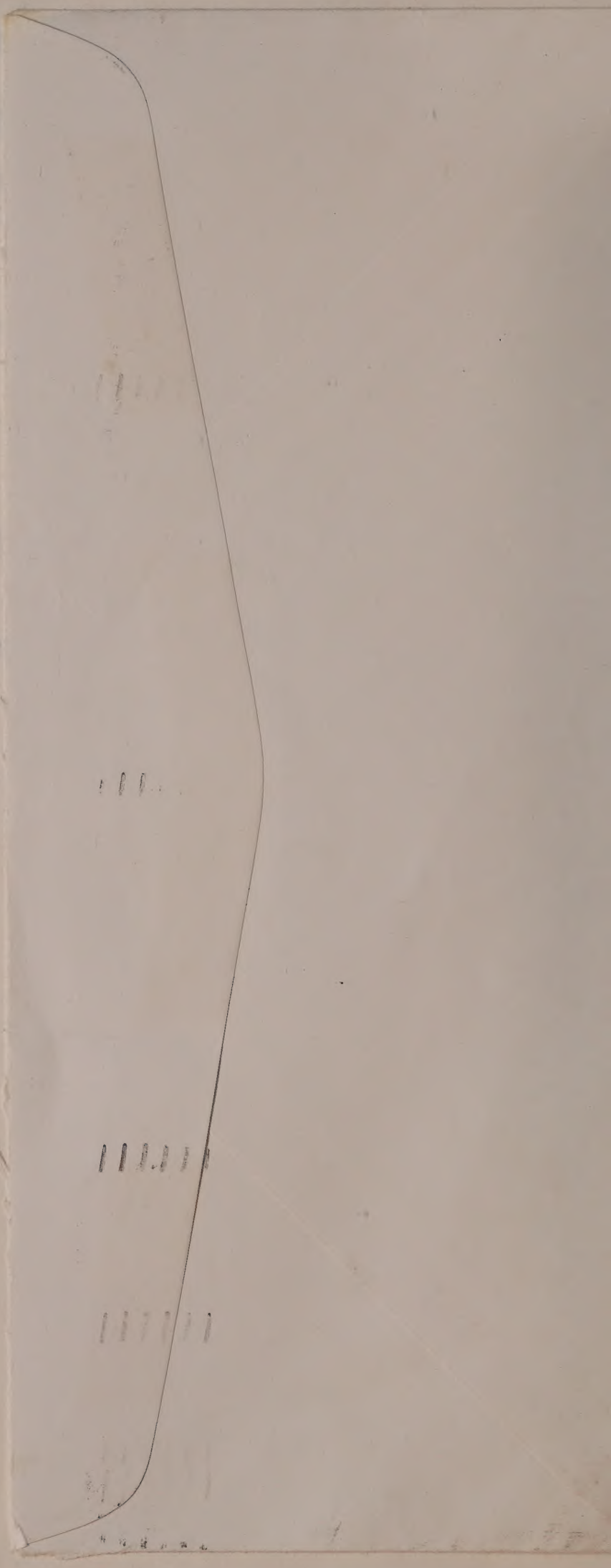

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The Bahá'í House of Worship, located on the shore of Lake Michigan at Wilmette, Illinois, is open to the people of all nations, races, classes, and creeds. Its nine entrances betoken the unity of religion and the oneness of mankind. The cornerstone for this unique structure, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, was laid in 1912, and the completed House of Worship was formally dedicated in 1953. Since only Bahá'ís are permitted to make contributions to any of the Bahá'í Funds, the funds for this edifice were donated by Bahá'ís throughout the world.

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Bahá'í's of Valencia Co. Around 1991

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LL Baha'is mark new year

The Baha'is of Los Lunas will celebrate Naw-Ruz, the Baha'i New Year, next Sunday from 2 p.m. with an open house at the Los Lunas Baha'i Center. This Naw-Ruz will begin the year 128.

The Baha'i New Year is celebrated on the first day of spring symbolizing the spiritual rebirth which Christ has promised with His return and which Baha'is believe Baha'u'llah, the prophet-founder, has fulfilled.

Because the Baha'i Faith has no professional clergy some Baha'is move to various areas throughout the world where there are no Baha'is in order to tell the people of those areas about the Baha'i Faith.

This past year Richard and Susan Foxhall and their children moved from New York to Los Lunas for this purpose and have opened their home as the area Baha'i Center.

Prior to coming to Los Lunas, the Foxhalls' home was the Baha'i Center of Yorktown Heights, N.Y. where their activities included working with youth having problems with drugs and parent relationships.

Anyone wishing information or who would like to attend the open house Sunday and would like directions should call the Foxhalls at 865-7574.

Jaycee banquet at 7 Saturday

Officers of the Belen Jaycees and Jayceettes will be sworn in at the annual installation banquet to be held at 7 p.m. Saturday.

A speaker from the state Jaycee organization and the presentation of yearly and quarterly awards will follow cocktails and dinner at the Mesa Motel in Belen.

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Baha'is celebrate Ascension

Valencia County, today Baha'is all over the world will commemorate the Ascension of Baha'u'llah, Prophet-Founder of the Baha'i Faith.

It was on this day in 1892 that Baha'u'llah died. He was born in 1817 and because of His teachings He spent more than forty years of His life in exile, banishment and prison.

Baha'is believe that He is the Promised One of all religions, and that His coming ushers in the Age of Fulfillment mentioned in all the prophecies of the past. They see His teachings and laws as those necessary to bring about world peace, world unity and the Kingdom of God on earth.

The final years of Baha'u'llah's life were spent as a prisoner at Bahji, near the prison city of Acca in the Holy Land. The tomb of Baha u'llah at Bahji is considered a Holy Shrine and a place of pilgrimage by Baha'is.

Baha'is do not have pictures of Baha'u'llah. He wished the Baha'is to worship God and not Himself, the Messenger of God. Baha'u'llah, when trans-

lated, means "The Glory of God".

The followers of Baha'u'llah, called Baha'is, are established in over 300 countries and territories around the world. The writings of Baha'u'llah have been translated into over 500 languages.

For more information about local Baha'is, contact Patty Curry at 864-6844.

Gettings' band performs Friday

Rich Gettings said his Country-Western band "The Countrymen" have been chosen to perform tomorrow for a convention of square dancers at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

Singer-drummer Gettings, 1016 Esperanza Dr., his lead guitar player Gary Johnson and bass guitar Carl Massegee also recently cut a record on the Kountry Way label, a name devised by Gettings.

Carol Johnson, the lead guitar's wife, a sometimes singer with the Gettings group, also has recorded on the label.

The Countrymen's songs are "Can't You See" and "Juan Lopez."

The group has been booked solid for the last eight [illegible] each Saturday night at the [illegible]

Legion officers plan July 4 celebration

The American Legion John P. Elliot Post 85 in Los Lunas recently elected a board of officers for the coming year.

Eddie Saiz was elected commander; Rosendo Gutierrez, first vice-commander; A.R. Luna, second vice-commander; Ernest Armijo, finance officer; Ted Raff, chaplain and Arthur Armijo, sergeant at arms.

The Legion also formalized plans for the village's annual Fourth of July celebration. The queen contest for girls between the ages of 15 and 19 will have a total of $830 in prize money for the first four contestants including a $300 prize for the winner.

The Legion also authorized the Los Lunas Jaycees to conduct the firecrackers-day parade down Main Street.

Other events tentatively scheduled for the festivities include a free fireworks display, a street dance, an all-star baseball game and a coronation ball.

Senior Citizens meet on Monday

Details on a planned bi trip to Santa Fe by membe of the Belen Senior Citize club will be formalized at the regular meeting Monday at p.m. at the Senior Citize Center, 509 Becker Ave.

A birthday cake will also b served in honor of a members who have a birthda in June.

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Los Lunas Baha'is to hold two day celebration

The Baha'is of Los Lunas will hold a proclamation this Saturday and Sunday to celebrate the 108th anniversary of the declaration of the mission of Baha'u'llah, prophet-founder of the Baha'i faith, according to Richard and Susan Foxhall of Los Lunas.

During the two-day commemoration, the Los Lunas Baha'is will distribute flyers inviting the people of the area to attend meetings at the Los Lunas Baha'i Center to learn more about Baha'u'llah and his teachings.

The Baha'is will also present a copy of the book "The Proclamation of Baha'u'llah," to Mayor Emiliano Castillo. The Foxhalls say this book has been presented to major government officials in cities and towns throughout the U.S. and also to Presidents Johnson and Nixon.

A Baha'i information center trailer will be set up for Saturday and Sunday in a lot at the corner of Main Street and Los Lentes Road in the village. The Foxhalls report free literature, information and refreshments will be offered.

The Foxhalls say the 108th anniversary commemorates the announcement by Baha'u'llah that he was the "promised one" of all the world's religions to a group of followers in Baghdad, Iraq, in April, 1863. Baha'u'llah, according to the Foxhalls, was exiled soon after this event to the prison city of Acca, Palestine (now Israel).

At 7:30 p.m. Saturday, the film, "Its Just Beginning," will be shown at the Los Lunas Center. The film was made by Mark Sadan who has also made films for the television series, Sesame Street. An introductory talk about the Baha'i faith will be given by Mrs. Rebecca Ginn of Albuquerque.

The Sunday evening program will include the showing of the film, "And His Name Shall Be One," which was produced for television. A talk entitled "Baha'u'llah, Promise of the Ages," will be given.

Music will be provided by Jim Wood and Debbie Buttrey. Refreshments will be served and those attending will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Luna named to Environmental Committee

Valencia County State Representative Fred Luna has been named to the new Legislative Study Committee on Environmental Problems.

The appointment was made Friday by the New Mexico Legislative Council as it appointed members of three new interim committees.

Luna of Los Lunas, is one of four representatives and three senators assigned to the committee.

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